



JAMAICA YOUTH BUSINESS TRUST

The PSOJ's newest project is the Jamaica Youth Business Trust, a joint venture between ourselves and the Prince of Wales Trust. With offices at the PSOJ Secretariat, this Trust will offer financial and mentoring assistance to young persons who are desirous of setting up small businesses.

MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE AWARDS

The National Millennium Committee is inviting nominations for this Award. Recipients should be Jamaicans living here or overseas, who are giving/have given outstanding service to the nation in his/her chosen field. Nominations must reach the Committee by October 31.

FLEXi HOURS

The special Committee appointed by the Prime Minister is awaiting the findings of a Jamaica Employers Federation survey on this and related issues. The Committee, which includes the Presidents of the JEA, JMA and the JEF, is expected to resume its sittings in about four weeks.

Lobby Group — JSE

Based on the response from members, the Secretariat has been working on a response to the recently announced increased fees which the Jamaica Stock Exchange will be charging its listed companies. The JSE has proposed a range of very steep increases in listing fees, which should be effective as of January 1, 2001.



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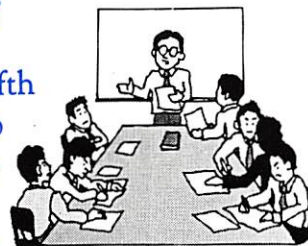
The second follow-up meeting to review the progress being made by the relevant Ministries and agencies in the tasks assigned to them, has not yet been scheduled. The PSOJ will be following up with Minister Paulwell regarding this matter.

Private Sector Consolidation

The President's Council has reviewed the proposal for the consolidation of the private sector and the next stage is for a similar review to be done by some of the Organisation's company members. This will be done in a few weeks' time.

Upcoming Conferences Seminars

- The Fifth Annual Carib News Multi-national Business



Conference, which has strong implications for Caribbean-US Business, will this year be held in Jamaica i.e. November 9-12 at the Wyndham Rose Hall Resort & Country Club in Montego Bay.

- A seminar on "Lifelong Learning for All: strategies for the creation of a learning society", which is being organized by the British Council's International Networking Events Dept., will be held January 7-12, 2001 in Loughborough, England.

- FIHAV, the 18th International Trade Fair of Havana, will be held in Havana, Cuba, during the week of October 29 - November 5.

- Alimentaria 2000, an International Food and Technology Exhibition, will take place November 14-17 in Ciudad de Mexico.

Persons interested in getting information on the abovementioned events and should contact the PSOJ Secretariat.

TOURISM

A document entitled the "Global Code of Ethics for Tourism" has recently been completed by the World Tourism Organization and is now available at the PSOJ Secretariat.

Condolences

Deepest sympathy to Mr. Charles Ross, Executive Director of the PSOJ, who recently lost his aunt tragically. May he and his family find great comfort in the fond memories that they have of her life.

SME DEPARTMENT

In an effort to strengthen its contribution to a) the reduction of poverty in the world and b) international leadership, the World Bank Group has created a global SME (Small and Medium Enterprise) Department. This combines the small business policy expertise of the World Bank with the company-level experience of the International Finance Corporation (IFC). Information on this entity is available from the PSOJ Secretariat.

MEXICAN EXPORTS, ANYONE?

A Mexican Fruit Drink Company is seeking to export its products to Jamaica. Interested distributors can contact the PSOJ for information.

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This is another reminder to order your new and improved year 2001 PSOJ Executive Diaries and or Fillers now. Let this enhanced and useful planning tool be an integral part of your forward planning for 2001. The diaries will be available in early November 2000.

What's Ahead!

- NOVEMBER 16 - Membership Luncheon
Venue: Hilton Kingston
Time: 12:00 p.m.
- NOVEMBER 23 - Annual General Meeting
Venue: Terra Nova Hotel
Time: 400 p.m.
- DECEMBER 21 - Council Meeting
Venue: PSOJ Secretariat
Time: 4:00 p.m.

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